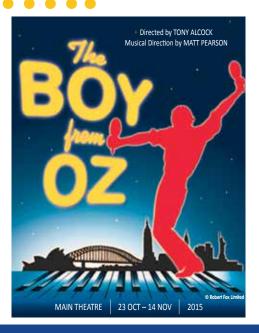
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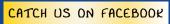
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THEATRE ETIQUETTE – HOW TO BE A GREAT ACTOR

s a community theatre, we encourage actors and actresses of all abilities and ages and backgrounds to take part in our plays, musicals and revues. So since not all of our thespians come to us with a strong familiarity with putting on a production, indeed for many, this is the first time that they've set foot on a stage, here are some tips on how to interact with your fellow actors, behave in and around the stage, and what to do if all else fails. So here, in no particular order:

When you step off the stage, you vanish. Walk quietly backstage, in access corridors, up and down stairs, and everywhere in the theatre. No talking or whispering off stage. No loud noise in the dressing room. Nothing ruins a scene more than the thumps of someone running to make a cue or someone talking in the wings. Once the house is open, stay off the stage and out of the theatre. Don't mingle with a

waiting audience; you have other things to keep you busy.

Never talk when the director is talking!

Never miss an entrance. Even if you don't remember your lines, get your body on to the stage so your fellow actor or actors at least have someone to talk to. They can coach you along if they have to. If you're not there, they might have to monologue or soliloquize and we definitely don't want that to happen!

No mobile phones, especially in the wings! When you're waiting to enter or supporting the on-stage cast from the wings, the show deserves all of your attention. Put the phone away and save the texting and tweeting for after rehearsal or after the night's show.

Accept all notes from the Creative Team graciously and say, "Thank you." Never disagree with the director in front of the cast and if you don't understand the note or disagree, ask the director for some one-on-one time to discuss.

Never give other actors notes and don't accept them from other actors. If someone does offer you notes, say "Thank you but we should take that through the director." Never add something to or remove something from your costume. It's the costume designers job to put you in something appropriate for the show, not yours. If you have suggestions or problems with a part of your costume, take them to the costumer or the director.

Don't hang out in the wings to watch the show. Backstage areas can be tight and crew and your fellow actors have to get to where they need to be. If you want to watch the show, buy a ticket or get the DVD. Hang out in the dressing room. Pay attention to the monitors so you know what's happening. There is no excuse for missing a cue. If you're not going on-stage for a while, be respectful of those who are: stay out of the way of costume changes, don't make so much noise that the other actors can't hear the monitors, and don't get in the way of travel corridors. Keep the dressing room neat and clean. You're going to be living here for a while and there's nothing more terrifying than losing a piece of your costume amid the mess, moments before you go on.

When waiting in the wings for an entrance, watch your sight lines, that is the path between the audience and the stage. If you can see them, they can see you; and if you aren't in the scene, you shouldn't be in the scene!

When entering and exiting, try to avoid brushing against scenery, backdrops and the legs. Apart from breaking part of the set, all that motion can be seen by the audience and distracts them from the action on the stage.

Tech rehearsals can be tough. Hang in while the crews fine-tune cues and equipment and remember that they control all the lights! Give them the respect they deserve while doing their jobs: pay attention, stay quiet, and be available as they jump from scene to scene.





WATCH SITE LINES

COURTESY AT ALL TIMES Pay attention to the stage manager. He or she will be telling you important stuff to keep the show running smoothly. And don't forget to thank the stage manager when he gives a call ("15 minutes!" "Thank you 15!"). That's so the stage manager knows that you heard the call and are ready to go.

Never touch someone else's prop, even if you think it's out of place. They may have moved it there on purpose in order to help the flow of the show. Bring it to the attention of the stage manager if you think it's in the wrong location.

Always check your props before curtain. Things happen, props get bumped or moved or crushed. It's also comforting to know that everything is where you expect it to be before the curtain goes up.

Props don't belong to you, they belong to the theatre. Treat them with respect and be sure to return them to their rightful locations after you've used them. If you'd like to practice with a prop at home, DON'T. Find an alternate or make arrangements with the director or stage manager to come in and rehearse at some other time. Unless you're doing improv, don't ad-lib. The authors and playwrights wrote the lines that way for a reason so if you want to mess around with the script, write your own play.

Whether it's a rehearsal or production night, don't miss a call time. There's a very good reason that the director made a call for 6:00pm even if you don't know what it is. And if you're going to be late or miss a rehearsal, let the stage manager or director know as soon as possible so that they have plenty of time to make allowances. Always give your best! Whether it's a 2pm matinee with a house full of kids or a 7.30 pm curtain in front of the reviewers, the audience paid to come see you become somebody else. There's no excuse for giving less than 100%! Focus!

Always be respectful of everyone you work with: the staff, the crew, the directors, the designers, the other actors, and yourself!



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All members are urged to attend. The bar will be open for drinks and if you wish to stay after the meeting for a drink, tea or coffee and a chat, a small plate of supper would be appreciated.

Christine Dickinson Secretary

AGENDA

Apologies Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting Matters arising from Minutes President's report Treasurer's report and Auditor's financial statements Other reports Selection of Patrons Election of new office bearers General business

If any person wishes to add an item to the Agenda, this must be put in writing, and seconded by another financial member. Any additions must be received by the Secretary seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

If you would like to stay for a drink after the meeting, it would be appreciated if you could bring a plate of nibbles to share.

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t's been a crazy few weeks in the youth theatre department - with the close of the Cabaret, the end of term and casting for 4 of the productions we have before the end of the year now completed, my brain is tired. It's been a great experience for the students of both the Senior Drama and Senior Musical Theatre classes to prepare for their auditions, to workshop their resumés, audition technique and in some cases prepare for callbacks.

In casting the shows, we were looking for not just talent or looks, but stagecraft, confidence and "thinking actors" who had prepared their work for the panel with consideration and detail. The Drama classes have been split into two plays - with all students at all performances and no double casting. These plays have been published in Brisbane and are very different in style. *Ivy Shambitt* is a gothic, *Roald-Dahl-esque* tale of what happens to a town who neglects its children and *I'll Show You Yours* is a really interesting look at 9 people and their desire to love, and be loved. These students have only until September to get their skates on, so it's a very busy term for the Senior Drama classes.

For the first time, the Senior Musical Theatre classes will be performing a published text as well, **FAME JR** is a 60 minute version of a classic of the American stage, and they have so enjoyed preparing for callbacks and participating in the full range of the casting process. Casting is also completed for these groups and they have started rehearsals learning the opening number *"Hard Work"*. It will be a different and timely challenge for the students as they prepare for very established roles in a very dance-driven show.

The Young Adults class are planning to present a rehearsed reading of the play *"The Year Nick McGowan Came to Stay"* in late September. At this point, we are cast, with the delightful Jackie Pointing playing the title role and Farryn Davies doubling as her "older self". In the meantime, Jackie, Farryn, Aiden Ossovani, Paris Jacobsen, Dom Bradley and I are very busy in tech week for *Legally Blonde!* So proud of these guys, some of them in their mainstage debut! The Intermediate and Junior classes will have their productions sorted shortly. It's a very busy place this time of year as you can see. But it's all great, exciting work! Looking forward to getting it all rolling.

Jess

Spotlight Theatre's Test and Tag Register is duly maintained by Dramatex Theatrical Services.





PETER ALLEN – JONATHAN WHITLOW YOUNG PETER – LACHLAN BECK & BRADY BURCHILL JUDY GARLAND – SARAH LEA MARION WOOLNOUGH – MARTINA FRENCH LIZA MINELLI – TBC GREG CONNELL – JORDAN BRIGGS THE TRIO – TERRI WOODFINE, KAT BRAND & TESS BURKE TRIO SWING – DANA WHITE DEE ANTHONY – CLAY ENGLISH VALERIE ANTHONY – SALLY WOOD CHRIS BELL – SCOTT JOHNSON WALLY BELL – NATHAN SKAINES **DICK WOOLNOUGH** – CLAY ENGLISH **TRICK** – JORDAN FOSTER

FEATURED ENSEMBLE

DONN TANTENGCO, SCOTT JOHNSON, NATHAN SKAINES,

DOM BRADLEY, FARRYN DAVIES, KATIE GRACE, ALISON MURRAY, DANA WHITE, ZOE RICHARDS.

DANCE ENSEMBLE

KELLIE NIEBLING, BREEANNA LAVIN, ASTON CAHILL, ERIN BRUMMAGE, RUBY WILSON, EBONY SMITH, GEORGIA BECK, HANNAH BUCKLEY, JACKSON REYNOLDS, JORDAN FOSTER, MARCUS DU TOIT & PHILLIP MAAS.

PARKING AT BENOWA GARDENS FOR SPOTLIGHT MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, & PATRONS IS STRICTLY 3 HRS DAILY. PLEASE PARK IN THE UNDERGROUND CARPARK.

PLEASE NOTE: THE 9PM CLOSING TIME IS WAIVED AND IS 11PM WHEN THERE ARE NIGHT TIME PERFORMANCES AT SPOTLIGHT.

The creative team for Legally Blonde



MORGAN GARRITY – DIRECTOR

Morgan has been an avid performer for years and has played her fair share of leads on stage, including such shows as 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, The Wizard of Oz, The Boy From Oz, Crazy for You,

Eurobeat and The Full Monty.

She has achieved an ATCL Diploma of Musical Theatre Performance from Trinity College of London. As a Director, Morgan got her first taste for the other side of the desk while she was on secondment and then as a paid employee of Gordon Frost Organization's production of **Annie**. After the very positive and encouraging feedback Morgan decided to take on Directing, her debut in 2013 with **Reefer Madness** was met with much acclaim. To read more of Morgan's impressive career make sure you book your ticket for **Legally Blonde** and purchase the beautiful programme designed by Chis Dickinson.

JULIE WHITING – MUSICAL DIRECTOR



Julie is a Brisbane-based conductor, vocal coach and musician. Since 2005 Julie has worked extensively across Southeast Q'ld with more than 75 productions as Musical Director. She has been a pit musician for shows

across Brisbane, Ipswich and the Gold Coast. Julie's career highlights to-date include performing in the band for Dad's Army with Jon English in 2004, and in the orchestra for Sweeney Todd with Rob Guest in 2007. In 2011, Julie was selected to attend the multiple-Tony[®] award-winning Goodspeed Musical Institute in the USA to study Music Direction. As a performer, Julie has appeared with many ensembles and orchestras. She has previously appeared as a Xylophone soloist with the Brisbane Concert Orchestra in 2004, 2005 and with the Queensland Wind Orchestra also in 2005. Julie runs her own musical theatre company, Blue Fish Theatrical. She has been nominated for a Greenroom Groundling Award for Outstanding Contribution to Queensland Theatre. You can read more of Julie's achievement in the *Legally Blonde* programme.



LAUREN WORMALD – CHOREOGRAPHER

Lauren relocated to Australia from the UK two years ago. This is her first community theatre project with the Spotlight Theatrical Company and she is excited to be working on such an amazing show and also to be working with an exceptionally talented and dedicated production team and cast. Lauren was a highly respected choreographer in the UK choreographing many community theatre productions, events and shows. She is also a dance and performing arts teacher with over 8 years of experience and qualifications with The International Dance Teachers' Association. She is also a Fitness Instructor. Lauren studied at Phil Winston's Theatre Works College and Agency in the UK for 3 years in all aspects of performance. Some of her numerous

professional credits are listed in the *Legally Blonde* full colour programme. She is looking forward to continuing her career on the Gold Coast.



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Dreamland – a pantomime adventure

which ran during the July 2015 School Holidays was interpreted for our hearing impaired patrons on Saturday 11th July for 10.30 am performance.

Deaf Services Queensland is delighted to be supporting **Auslan Stage Left** to train a new team of local interpreters to create access to the local theatre culture to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

We hope that this will be the beginning of a new relationship that will enable us to do this for all of our shows in the future.

Chief Executive Officer for **Deaf Services Queensland**, Brett Casey states "Interpreted theatre and the arts opportunities are few and far between in the Sunshine State and this training provides a great first step to broadening the opportunities available to deaf and hard of hearing people to participate in their local arts scene."

Photos Courtesy Steve Woodfine







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Thank you to **STELLAMARY** MATHESON DRAKE nee ROBERTS for this historical Costume Hire Article Gold Coast Sun November 30 1977

How a gorilla, the **Merry Widow and** Dracula got in the

HAVE you ever wondered what becomes of the hundreds of costumes a theatre group accumulates in more than 20 years of existence?

When Stellamary Matheson offered to start Spotlight's costume hire service 21/2 years ago from the garage of her Isle of Capri home, and make the costumes earn money for the theatre, she didn't realise she was creating a monster.

In no time, my life was or 11 years), into the a shambles," Stella said. costume hire premises, costume hire premises, and pay a low rental a couple of nights a week

for rehearsals.

was a dairying area, and

the tiny premises now occupied by potters and sculptors groups had been the school) was originally

Spotlight still has the old pews and hymn books.

Public 'Hall administered by a group of trustees. Through one of

Spotlight's members, the disused hall became their

Good hands

trusteeship to Spotlight.

"The original deed is written on calf skin," Stella said.

costumes and bits and

models, and fitting rooms.

Formal wear

changeover,

So thousands

About two years ago,

and cehearsal

Later the church came the Benowa

church

built as the church.

became

home

rooms.

Apart from the 20-odd years of costumes from their shows, there were their shows, there those they had bought and added to stock, which frequently flowed over frequently flowed over into the Matheson living

ach year the volume of business doubled and the number of customes doubled.

The doorbell rang from 7am to 9pm with people wanting costumes, and the phone never stopped.

Nightmare

It was a seven-day-aweek nightmare. She got no housework done, and had as many as three interruptions during every meal.

Daughter Tammy, 61/2. the hall's trustees, wanting the old hall to go into good hands, passed on the and twins Leon and Carney, 41/2, begged her to give it up.

In fact she had to close down the hire section for six weeks this year when she played Maria in Spotlight's Sound of

simply couldn't have done it otherwise," she. said.

To give up the costume hire completely unthinkable. Spo was Spotlight makes as much profit in a year from its hire service as from the two musicals together.

The cost of staging a musical, even in amateur theatre, is now in the \$5000 to \$6000 range.

"And it has to run for three weeks for us to get our money back," Stella said. So she began to look a fancy dress party as a for premises, to get the fairy, a gorilla, a belly "monster" out of her dancer, the Merry Widow. So she began to look

home and family life. Sheds and warehouse rentals were prohibitive. and even the most humble premises in unattractive, out-of-the-way out-of-the-way places, would have taken most of the jam off the Spotlight bread.

The decision wasn't Saturday. but it was the mushroomed. casy. solution.

"We're now open Convert their "home", hours a week, which Jill the old Benowa Hall (their and I split down the rehearsal promisestorio which are

New role for In the days when Benows Hall theatre costumes

Stellamory's work 18 done before she leaves for "I now have a Benowa. normal home, and the garage has been converted room for my husband Wayne." into a study and a keep fit

Dancer

Wayne, a superb dancer, talented actor and singer, also features in Spotlight shows.

If there's a jazz ballet routine to do, Wayne gets the job of hoisting those seemingly fragile (but (but often 9-st) leading ladies high in the air.

A black belt judo man and holder of many jujitsu awards, Wayne keeps in shape by chinning the bar and lifting weights every

day. "Life is bliss now," Stella sighed. "I have an

orderly home and the kids don't have a worn-out mother, and the hire service is going better than ever.

This time of the year is a hire service bonanza, with Christmas parties and school and kindergarten plays

Spotlight's Santa Claus costumes are doing ycoman service.

Their automatic washing machine by (donated member Michael Boland) keeps them spic-and-span, and Stella and Jill barely have time to iron them dry before they-re on hire again.

And if they haven't enough of the costumes required, talented Stella and Jill run up another on the sewing machine donated by Gordon Singh. member



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GOLDEN GIRLS NEWS

We finished our first season with Morning Memories, a Spotlight Theatre Fundraiser on the 22nd July.

Since the last news we have performed at Mudgeeraba Nursing Home, Arcare Helensvale, Hillview House Merrimac, Golden Age Care Southport and Mudgeerabah Uniting Church.

We will now dive into our rehearsals for our second season with only a couple of weeks before we perform. Some more of the new numbers in rehearsal are *Bossom Buddies*, A Little Bit of Luck, Anything Goes and Alice Blue Gown.

I have included photos of Margaret in *Deep Purple* and Phyllis in *I* Should Have Danced All Night.

Now back to the boards.

Noni Buckland Golden Girls Liason

A very entertaining programme was presented by the Spotlight Golden Girls in their Morning Memories. Beautiful costumes with a mixed genre of songs and comedy saw the packed Basement Theatre applauding appreciatively.

Special Thanks to volunteers and staff for the morning tea which was very popular on the cool wet day. Thank You Golden Girls for a very enjoyable morning of musical entertainment.



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Kate Peters' Top Hat Productions will once again be returning to Spotlight's Basement Theatre in September, with another musical revue!

The company that brought you *Isn't It Romantic?, In the Mood, Hats - The Musical, Ruthless – The Musical, In The Mood Again!* and *Let's Misbehave - A 1920s Jazz Age Party*

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Adams, Sheila Bradley

with accompaniment on the 2 baby grands by *Marie Nicholson* and *David McNeven*.

Written and directed by *Kate Peters*, the show celebrates the events, the wit, the music and the people in the life of "The Master" and includes songs like: *A Room with a View, Play Orchestra Play, Nina from Argentina, Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Poor Little Rich Girl, Mad about the Boy* and many more. For an evening of elegance and nostalgia, don't miss COCKTAILS WITH NOEL & GERTIE - A Marvellous Party! Bookings open now on 5539 4255



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is now on Air every week on Tuesdays. Tune in to 4CRB 89.3FM between 2.35pm and 3pm for Community Theatre News

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